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In re U.S. Patent Application of

YAMAZAKI et al.

Application Number: 10/812,893

Filed: March 31, 2004

For: **DISK ARRAY APPARATUS AND DISK ARRAY
APPARATUS CONTROLLING METHOD**

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Sir:

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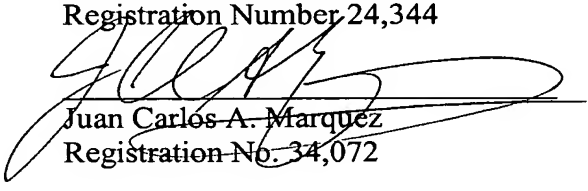
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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This is in response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2006, the period for response to which is set to expire on January 10, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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